Listing of Claims:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A method for preparing a decorative laminate, comprising:

providing décor paper with a pattern printed on a surface thereof, said printed pattern being adhered to said surface by a mordant;

impregnating said décor paper with a thermosettable resin; and

laminating the décor paper to a substrate.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said mordant is incorporated within an impregnating solution of said thermosettable resin, and wherein said printed pattern being adhered to said surface by ~~treatment of said décor sheet with~~ said mordant is carried out by impregnating said décor sheet with a thermosetting solution containing said mordant.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said printed pattern being adhered to said surface by ~~treatment with~~ said mordant is carried out before said impregnating step.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the mordant is selected from~~form~~ the group consisting of aluminum phosphate, calcium acetate, aluminum sulfate, sodium formate, a zirconium compound~~salts~~, potassium aluminum sulfate, potassium dichromate or bichromate, copper sulfate,~~m~~ ferrous sulfate, stannous chloride, sodium~~yrn~~ dithionite, sodium hydrosulfate, ammonium hydroxide, potassium bitartrate, sodium sulfate, calcium oxide, sodium carbonate, iron salats, copper salts, tin salts, citric acid~~, calcium acetate~~ and mixtures thereof.

19-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 148 wherein the laminate is coated with a protective overcoating comprising particles of an abrasion resistant mineral.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the abrasion resistant mineral particles comprise larger particles of alumina and smaller particles of silica gel, said smaller particles having a mean particle diameter of approximately one-half of said larger particles.

27. (Currently Amended) A~~The~~ method of preparing a decorative laminate, comprising:

~~claim 26~~ providing décor paper with a pattern printed on a surface thereof, said printed pattern being adhered to said surface by a mordant;

impregnating said décor paper with a thermosettable resin;

laminating the décor paper to a substrate; and

coating the laminate with a protective overcoating of abrasion resistant mineral particles, wherein the abrasion resistant mineral particles comprise larger particles of alumina having ~~wherein the larger particles are alumina particles of~~ a mean particle size of approximately 30-35μm~~,~~ and ~~the~~ smaller particles ~~are~~ of silica gel ~~particles~~.

28. (Cancelled)